POOR LAW UNIONS (CLARE).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 26 June 1851;—*for*,

COPY "of a LETTER addressed by the Poor-Law Commissioners for *Ireland*, appointing Doctors *Hughes* and *Hill* as Inspectors, under the Act 10 & 11 Vict. c. 90, for inquiring into the Causes of the Mortality in certain Unions in the County of Clare."

No. 34,795/51.

Poor-Law Commission Office, Dublin,
21 June 1851.

Gentlemen,

THE Commissioners for administering the Law for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have been apprised of the desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that a special inquiry should be made into the causes of the mortality which has recently prevailed in certain of the Unions of the County of Clare; and his Excellency has named you to the Commissioners for appointment as Inspectors for a limited time, for this special purpose.

The Commissioners have been made aware of your willingness to undertake this duty, and they accordingly forward herewith to each of you his appointment as an Inspector under 10 & 11 Vict. c. 90, for a period of thirty days from the date of the appointment.

The Unions to which your inquiry will extend are the Unions of Ballyvaghan, Corrofin, Ennis, Ennistymon, Kilrush, Killadysert, Tulla and Scariff; and the points to which your attention is directed are the following: You will inquire and report,—

1. On the causes of the mortality which prevailed in the above-named Unions, or any of them, during the months of January, February, March, April and May 1851.

2. Whether the arrangements existing for the treatment and care, as well as the accommodation, of the sick and other inmates of the workhouse and auxiliaries of the above Unions, especially the inmates who enter the workhouse in a debilitated state, are proper and effective; or whether any, and what improvement can be made therein by the Guardians.

You will have the goodness to make and subscribe a joint report to the Commissioners of the results of your inquiry on these subjects.

By order, &c.
W. Stanley,
Secretary.

To James S. Hughes, Esq., M.D.,
24, Westland-row;
and
John Hill, Esq., M.D.,
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(*Sir William Somerville*)

Ordered, by The HOUSE of COMMONS, *to be Printed*, 26 *June* 1851.

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